Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021 at 02:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly settled conditions over the next few days, but low for daily detail of low cloud.

Headline for Wednesday 17 Mar 2021: Dry, some low cloud expected across Lochaber and the coast, bright elsewhere.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

Weather: Largely dry throughout the day with some hazy sunshine. Lochaber and the west coast, along with inland areas of western Argyll at first, will see some low mainly on northern slopes, this cloud will become more extensive from late afternoon onwards. Some drizzly rain possible along the west coast by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%, cloudiest in the northwest.

Visibility: Poor in low cloud with bases between 500 and 700 metres across Lochaber and the west coast although patchy in nature, with summits likely to be above the cloud. Becoming more widely poor here from late afternoon onwards with bases lowering to 300 metres. Otherwise good visibility elsewhere through the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/42 NW	37/43 NW	20/24 NW	18/23 W	17/21 NW	18/22 NW	20/23 W
900	18/22 W	19/25 NW	8/11 NW	10/13 W	8/12 NW	8/11 NW	8/11 NW
600	18/22 SW	13/17 W	10/14 W	11/16 W	9/13 SW	9/12 W	9/13 SW
300	6/8 E	9/12 N	6/10 W	7/11 W	5/8 N	5/8 N	4/7 N
Glen	3/11 W	3/11 W	9/14 W	11/17 W	11/19 NW	5/12 W	5/13 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-12	-1/-10	0/-6	1/-4	2/-4	3/-2	3/-2
900	0/-6	1/-5	3/-1	4/1	4/1	4/1	4/1
600	2/-3	3/-1	5/1	6/3	5/2	5/2	5/2
300	4/2	5/2	7/5	9/7	8/6	6/5	6/5
Glen	6/4	7/6	10/8	11/9	9/7	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	900m	1300m	1900m	2000m	2000m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A cloud inversion is likely during the morning with munro tops above the cloud. Strongest winds likely to be below the summits in the morning.

Forecast for Thursday 18 Mar 2021
Weather: Mainly dry with some hazy sunshine, but western ranges of Lochaber and coastal ranges of Argyll will see extensive low cloud and some drizzle.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly winds gusts to 30 to 40 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud between 250 and 500 metres in the west, only patchy cloud elsewhere. Summits above 900 metres may stand clear of the cloud above the inversion.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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